

The Mental Retardation/Related Disabilities (MR/RD) waiver provides long term care supports for individuals with Mental Retardation or a related disability. Persons enrolled in this waiver must meet intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR) level of care.

The MR/RD waiver is operated and overseen on a day-to-day basis by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (SCDDSN). SCDDSN service coordination staffs arrange and authorize waiver services.

MR/RD waiver services include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and audiological services, dental care, personal care, companion, vision services, prescribed drugs, psychological services, behavioral support, nursing services, habilitation support services, adult day health care, adult day health care nursing, attendant care, respite care, personal emergency response systems, specialized supplies and equipment, vehicle modifications, and environmental modifications.

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) serves as an administrative oversight and monitoring entity to ensure health, safety and welfare of waiver recipients. DHHS is responsible for ensuring that a formal system is in place to periodically review client services and to insure that services in place are consistent with the identified needs of the MR/RD waiver client. The agency also assures financial accountability for funds expended and appropriate documentation of services under the waiver. To learn more about the MR/RD waiver and DDSN services please visit www.state.sc.us/ddsn/.